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Residential Burn Permits Required May 1st

Camino – Residential burn permits will be required beginning Saturday, May 1st. These permits are available to the public FREE of charge, and allow for the burning of dry landscape vegetation (NOT household trash) that originates from the landowner’s property.

“Escaped residential burn piles continue to be a leading cause of wildland fires. Exercise extreme caution while burning landscape debris,” says Amador-El Dorado Unit Chief, Mike Blankenheim.”

The use of a burn barrel is illegal in Amador and El Dorado counties. For tips on residential landscape debris burning safety or other fire and life safety topics, please visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov

To acquire a permit, applicants may access the website at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov> watch the mandatory video which reviews burning requirements and safety tips, fill in the required fields, submit the form and a dooryard burn permit will be created. The applicant must then print and sign the permit. Permits are valid for the calendar year in which they are issued and must be reissued annually on or after January 1st of each year. If an online permit is not an option and you reside in the Amador-El Dorado Unit service area, call (530) 644-2345 for assistance. Due to social distancing guidelines, we ask that you do not attempt to obtain a permit in person.

Contact your local Air Quality Management District to determine what permit requirements or burning restrictions apply in your area and ALWAYS call to ensure burn day status.

Amador County (209) 223-6246 El Dorado County (530) 621-5897
Sacramento County (916) 874-4800 Alpine County (760) 872-8211 ext. 240
South Lake Tahoe (530) 621-5842, (888) 332-2876

For alternatives to burning your piles, please contact the Amador Fire Safe Council at www.amadorfiresafe.org or the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council at www.edcfiresafe.org for details on available programs.

Ensure that piles from landscape debris are no larger than 4-ft. in diameter, have a 10-ft. clearance to bare soil around the burn pile and that a responsible adult attends all times with a water source and a shovel.

For more information on how you can protect your family, home and property by creating and maintaining defensible space visit www.readyforwildfire.org.

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